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SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Scientific Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of 9 January 1969

The attached draft minutes of the 9 January 1969 meeting of the Scientific Intelligence Committee will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

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[Redacted box]
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
Draft SIC Minutes

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Item 1

The minutes of the 5 December 1968 were reviewed and approved.

Item 2

25X1 [redacted] Chairman [redacted] briefed the Committee on the Soviet Chaff Drop during the Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia. Zinc coated glass fibers were recovered outside of Czechoslovakia. It was concluded that the Soviets had not used any unconventional form of chaff. 25X1

Item 3

25X1 [redacted] Chairman of the S&T Priority Working Group briefed the committee on the status and activities of the Working Group. He indicated that since the Working Group report to the SIC of 19 August 1966 there has been little progress in defining any other areas that would be useful to the SIC. Furthermore, [redacted] could not foresee any further results by continuing the efforts of the Working Group.

✓ At the conclusion of the briefing the SIC agreed to abolish the S&T Priority Working Group.

Item 4

Draft Terms of Reference for a Joint SIC-EIC Ad Hoc Computer Working Group were reviewed and discussed. The Chairman introduced the draft by stating that in his opinion the scope of the problem should encompass the entire field and therefore it would have to include the economic aspects. As such, he favored making the Group a joint SIC-EIC endeavor. While DIA, Navy and Army had misgivings about the dual responsibility of such a group, the State member as one of the consumers of such intelligence preferred a single group with the broad scope. The draft terms were finally agreed upon subject to EIC approval. The DIA member withheld his approval until he had more time to discuss it within DIA.

Subject to the final approval of the Terms of Reference, the Chairman designated [redacted] as the Chairman of the new Working Group. 25X1

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Item 5

In its continuing efforts to identify areas in S&T intelligence on which increased emphasis would be desirable, the Committee agreed to schedule briefings by STIC, on 6 February, and FSTC, on 6 March, on their respective assessments of the Soviet Military Threat and by the Future Threats Branch of PSED/OSI on 3 April.

Item 6

The next meeting will be held 6 February.

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